U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of MOLLIE WARD <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Midflorida, Fla.

Docket No. 97-1550; Submitted on the Record; Issued February 25, 1999

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant met her burden of proof to establish that she sustained an emotional condition in the performance of duty.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized January 3, 1997 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized January 3, 1997 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. February 25, 1999

George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member